

January 25, 2000

**APPLICATION OF NEW EDGE NETWORKS, INC.
D/B/A NEW EDGE NETWORKS FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND INTEREXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES THROUGHOUT
THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

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**ORDER GRANTING THE PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF
CONCORD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC., HUMPHREYS COUNTY TELEPHONE
COMPANY, TELICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. AND TENNESSEE
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

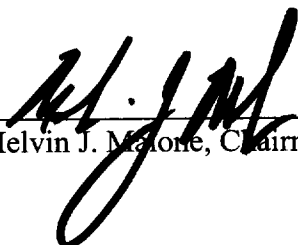
At the January 11th Conference, the Directors applied the legal standard for intervention, set forth at Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310, and found that the intervention petition: was timely and properly served; substantiated that legal interests of the intervenor may be determined in this matter; and demonstrated that the interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this matter would not be impaired by allowing such intervention. Without objection from the parties, the Directors unanimously granted the Petition for Leave to Intervene.

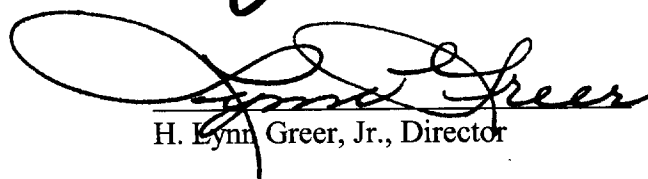
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company, Inc. and Tennessee Telephone Company is granted; and

2. Any Party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.


Melvin J. Malone, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary